

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Teiji YAMAMOTO et al.**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**

Filed: **March 22, 2001**

For: **SEAL ASSEMBLY AND CRAWLER-TRACK CONNECTION STRUCTURE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 22, 2001

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) The seal assembly as defined in one of claims 1 to 4, wherein a cross section of said seal assembly is symmetric with respect to a radial-direction line passing the center thereof.

REMARKS

The above amendment is believed to place the claims in proper condition for examination.  
Early and favorable action is awaited.

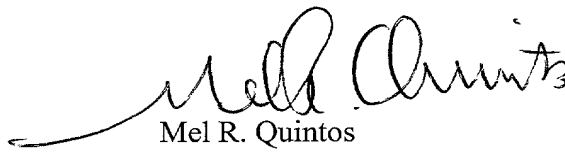
Claim 6 has been amended.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES NAME

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (Amended) The seal assembly as defined in one of claims 1 to [5] 4, wherein a cross section of said seal assembly is symmetric with respect to a radial-direction line passing the center thereof.